## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GUN RIGHTS, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MERRICK GARLAND, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:23-cv-00830-O

## DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION PENDING APPEAL

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 62 and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 8(a)(1), Defendants respectfully request that the Court stay its October 7, 2023 Opinion & Order granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction, ECF No. 53, for the reasons set out in the attached Memorandum in Support of Defendants' Motion to Stay Preliminary Injunction Pending Appeal. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1, Defendants conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs regarding this Motion, and Plaintiffs indicated that they oppose this Motion. In light of the significant harms to the Government, Defendants respectfully request that the Court issue an order on this Motion on or before November 16, 2023.

DATED: November 6, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

BRIAN M. BOYNTON

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

ALEX HAAS Branch Director

BRIGHAM J. BOWEN Assistant Branch Director

/s/ Laura B. Bakst

LAURA B. BAKST

MICHAEL P. CLENDENEN ALEXANDER W. RESAR

Trial Attorneys

Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch

U.S. Department of Justice

1100 L Street, NW

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: (202) 514-3183

E-mail: laura.b.bakst@usdoj.gov

Counsel for Defendants

## **Certificate of Service**

On November 6, 2023, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the clerk of court for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. I hereby certify that I have served all parties electronically or by another manner authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2).

/s/ Laura B. Bakst